

## ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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## **ACC and ADOT Send Railroad Safety Message**

(Phoenix) The Arizona Corporation Commission is joining with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) urging residents to be "railroad safe" as they travel for the spring break and upcoming holidays.

Monday, ADOT's Dynamic Message Signs (DMS), more commonly recognized by drivers as the overhead digital signs on the highways which feature travel and safety information, will display a message from the Commission's Railroad Safety Section.

The signs will remind drivers to watch for trains when approaching railroad crossings close to home and especially in areas that you may be visiting for the first time.

Last year, there were 32 crashes involving vehicles and cars and 14 people were injured. Five of the most dangerous railroad crossings in the country are in the Phoenix metro area, according to data released Thursday by the Federal Railroad Administration.

The railroad safety message will be featured on 6 signs outside the main Metro-Phoenix near Kingman, Wickenburg, Parker, Holbrook and at the Loop 202 Red Mountain Freeway at Greenfield. The actual message will be revealed on Monday!

Established by Article 15 of the state's constitution, the Arizona Corporation Commission is responsible for the regulation of public utilities, overseeing the incorporation or registration of companies wishing to do business in Arizona. Additionally, the Corporation Commission registers and oversees securities offerings and dealers, and enforces railroad and pipeline safety. The five commissioners that make up the Commission are elected by the people of Arizona for a four-year term, with the option of serving for two consecutive terms. To learn more about the Arizona Corporation Commission and the Commissioners, please check out <a href="http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp">http://www.azcc.gov/Divisions/Administration/about.asp</a>